

# Blackman Fire District Board Meeting

## October 5, 2023

### **Board Members Present:**

Larry Cunningham, Steve Lawson and Wade Merritt

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting in session: 7:00pm

### **Attendance/Guest**

Bobbie Frazier

### **Old Minutes:**

Old Minutes Read

Motion to except minutes : Steve Lawson    Second: Wade Merritt    Passed: X

### **Financial Report:**

Lt. Sargent read financial info while in discussion about truck repair. Treasurer was not present for an official read.

### **Chiefs Report:**

3 Brush fires

1 rescue

9 medicals

2 motor vehicles

3 rescue or Ems standby

See **Appendix** at end of minutes for full chief report.

## New Minutes:

Engine 70 has a problem with turbo and actuator, two quotes supplied. A discussion was had and the result of that was to hold off on the repair and run the truck more often to see if issue would correct itself.

Pumper Truck has issues and has a quote available and is out of service. Sims will do the repair at \$2644.84.

Motion made to except Sims Quote: Wade Merritt Second: Steve Lawson Passed: X

Board Member Ladell Fountain has resigned due to health reasons. Verbally given to Jim Lawson

Motion made to except resignation: Steve Lawson Second: Wade Merritt Passed: X

Wex fuel card were Discuss and presented to the board. Board Agreed to use 6 cards.

Motion made to start using wex cards: Wade Merritt Second: Steve Lawson Passed: X

Lt. Sargent brought to the boards attention that a safety committee is needed. The board discussed the issue and the reason for it. Board agreed to set up a safety committee.

Motion made to set up safety board: Wade Merritt Second: Steve Lawson Passed: X

Safety meeting to follow regular board meeting.

The chief asked for 3 new members to be added to the dept.

Dalton Morgan (support staff)

Chelsea Chojnacki

Joe Adkins

Board had a discussion and agreed on the three listed members.

Motion made to add 3 new members: Wade Merritt Second: Steve Lawson Passed: X

2024 Budget needs approval.

Discussion was had on budget. Board was in agreeance.

Motion made to except 2024 budget: Wade Merritt Second: Steve Lawson Passed: X

Discussion was had on tax increase, further discussion to be had later.

Miranda and Mariah can teach EMR, need books ours are out of date Miranda will give board prices for new books at next meeting.

Decon grants is ready to be awarded based on compliance of safety inspection 25% match. Grant is \$963.00

FFAG is ready to be awarded 100%. Grant is \$49,000

Discussion was had on Taxes and an increase, further discussion to be had.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm

Motion made to adjourn : Steve Lawson Second: Wade Merritt Passed: X

**Date and time of next meeting:** 2 November 2023

These minutes were approved and accepted as read this date: 2 Nov 2023

Larry Cunningham, Chairman: Jamy Cunningham

James Lawson, Secretary: Jamel L Lawson